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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, submit this Information Disclosure Statement. The four Japanese patents submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents AA-AD were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Japanese counterpart application. The four Japanese patent references submitted herewith have no English translations thereof. No English translations are provided for documents AA-AD, as no translations are within

the possession, custody or control of, or are readily available to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c). See MPEP 609.

Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, it is submitted that no fees are due in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) and (e). If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge these fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

### **CONCLUSION**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R §1.56(b). Further, Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and to similarly indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the

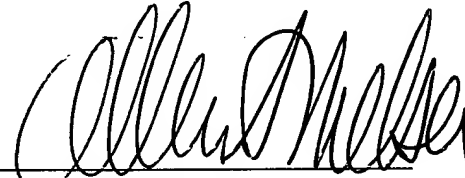
attached documents have been considered. If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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